

# St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



**Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.**

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**Term 1 Week 6**

**8th March 2011**

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School,  
One of the feel good stories of the year to date is the rise and rise of the Highlanders rugby franchise. Last year they were a dysfunctional group of underachievers, (in fact they had been for a number of years). This year they have leapt to the top of the points table with three wins, each breaking some record.  
How does a group of perennial under achievers become a group of world beaters in such a short time?  
If there was a simple formula to follow then every leader striving for success would implement it.  
What we as leaders; be it parents, teachers, or coaches need to remember that to succeed we need to develop a plan, put in place procedures that help us implement this plan and be prepared to continually monitor where we are, what we have achieved and where we plan to go to next. Jamie Joseph is a strong leader. Even when not a captain he led by example and that is what a leader needs to be and do, lead from the front. It's not enough to talk the talk we need to walk the walk.

Have a great week.  
Mike Brosnahan

## Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.  
Green is for the grass He made.  
Yellow is for the sun so bright.  
Orange is for the edge of night.  
Black is for the sins we made.  
White is for the grace He gave.  
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.  
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

An egg full of jelly beans, Colourful and Sweet  
Is a prayer, a promise, A loved one's treat!!

*Charlene Dickens, 1997*

Last year some families did the Jelly Bean Prayer. It was lots of fun & successful. Throughout Lent every evening discuss the day with your children & when they mention something they have done related to the Jelly Bean Prayer put a corresponding coloured Jelly Bean in a jar. At Easter the children get a jar of Jelly Beans.

## Junior Swimming Lessons with Swimsation



## Ronald McDonald Road Safety Show visited our Junior School last week.



# Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

## PTA News ...

### PTA AGM

**17th March 7pm**, in the school foyer.

Guest speaker is Dave Young who will speak about how we as parents can use computers and technology as teaching tools for our children. We hope to see as many parents as possible come and support the PTA & our guest speaker.

### Entertainment Books Are Back!

If you would like to get a jump start on your purchase of a book you can order one through the school now and get a free page of vouchers to use now! Contact Jacqui Dodson 489 1264 if you are interested.

Same price of \$50. Remember to ask friends and family members if they wish to purchase a book.

Last Friday's **Fish & Chip night** was fun. The children had a fantastic time playing outside. A great opportunity for families to get together and enjoy an evening meal.



### Lunches

**Monday to Thursday**—Smart Lunches are available, two sizes \$3 or \$4, includes sandwiches, fruit & a biscuit or muffin.

On **Wednesday** an option of a hot lunch is also available these are all \$4, choice of Macaroni Cheese, Spaghetti Bolognaise or Shepherds Pie. Please put correct money in an envelope with your name and order.

**Friday**—Monte Carlo Milk Bar supply lunches—list available at the school office.

### Arthur Burns Preschool Open Day

This Saturday 12th March 11.30—2.30pm, 4a Gretna Place Mosgiel. Free activities: Face Painting, Potters Wheel, Bouncy Castle, Pony Rides. \$2 for a sausage & drink.

## Looking Ahead Term 1

### March

9th Ash Wednesday Mass 9.15am  
10th Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm  
16th Room 7 Rafting Trip  
17th PTA AGM 7pm  
21st Anniversary Day—school closed  
1st April—Teacher Only Day—school closed

### Cell Phones

It has come to our notice that younger and younger pupils are bringing cell phones to school. Our procedure is: All cell phones that children bring to school are to be handed in to their class teacher as soon as they arrive at school.

The phones will be safely stored until 3pm when they will be returned to the pupil.

We actively discourage pupils bringing their cell phones to school but we do acknowledge that there are circumstances when parent may decide that their use after school is required. iPods and other musical playing devices should not be brought to school.

The school accepts no responsibility for the loss of expensive items brought to school.

### Altar Servers—Sunday 13th March

Alex Dodson, & Jayden Grindley.

### Swimming

Entries for the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs. If your child is a possible entry in this event please contact Desiree Crooks by **this Thursday** phone 489 3369.



### Taieri Junior Rugby Club

Registration for 2011 at Peter Johnstone Park Thursday 10th March 6 -7.30pm.

Midgets \$15  
One Child \$45  
Two Children \$75  
Three Children \$85

Free Rugby Ball and Mouthguard to all players registering. Socks and shorts available for purchase.

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### A thought for the week...

"Words—so innocent and powerless as they are as standing in a dictionary, how potent ... they become, in the hands of one who know how to combine them!"

—Nathaniel Hawthorne